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## The New World as an Impression

It's the Spirit Which Makes a Nation -- "The First Step is an Adventure"

By Juergen Dobberke

"Did you enjoy the U. S. A.?" "What is your greatest impression of this country?"—How often the newspaper man from Europa is asked this question. What shall he answer? Shall he start to count all the amazing things which are bigger, newer, faster? All the speedways, highways, irrigation-projects, research laboratories? Shall he mention such—for European eyes—strange gains like juke-boxes, ten-gallon hats, icewaters, parkometers, noise parades? Shall he praise the beauties of the landscape from the forests of Washington to the beaches of Florida, the comforts of living-houses all over the country, the confounding skylines (attractive figures-ed.) of America's women? Shall he look at the U. S. A. as a political, economical or cultural phenomena?

You see; one question, but thousands of answers. The question of course is too generalizing. However, the first steps on the soil of the New World are still an adventure in every case. One may be landed in New York, San Francisco or Salt Lake City. One may

wear red or black eye-glasses, one may come from a cosmopolitan city like Berlin or from a village anywhere in Poland. The guest takes a deep breath of air and feels suddenly surrounded by a certain kind of safety, kindness and prosperity which he is not used any more. The war-shaken towns and people in his home represent another world. You call it the Old World, we call it Europa. You can pay your grand-dad saved for your father, your cities never changed the name and your housewives never saw their houses burning. And you take for self-evident.

But anyway you have the right to get an answer to your question you can take home. Though I might say: "I love you 'Take-it-easy.' I should like to take it home with me, but I am afraid, it is like sunshine which you are carrying home in your suitcase. Open the suitcase under the clouds of communism, war and depression and it's senseless to turn the suitcase over and over: There is no sun any more.

That does not mean that we do have economical

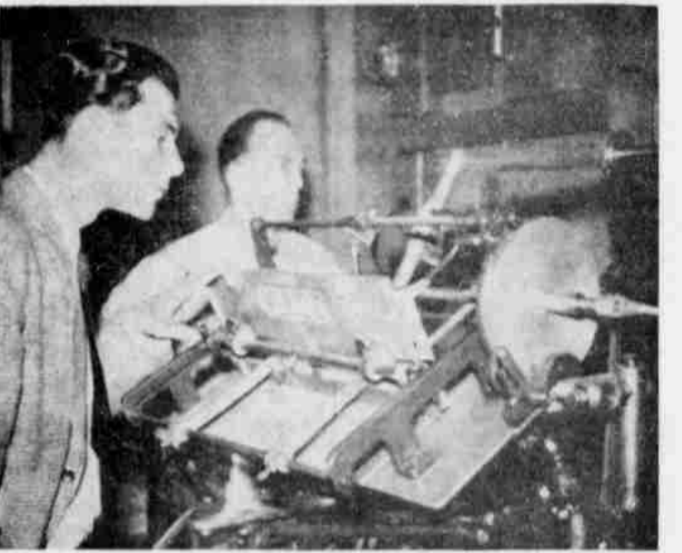
depression, communism or war—but we can see it on the other side of the street and, maybe, it crosses the street tomorrow.

Probably you are disappointed about my answer, aren't you? What about our industrial development, you may ask, what about our freedom, our press, our democratic government? Now, the industrial development is doubtless remarkable, but its in Russia too. The Statue of Liberty is a gift of France, and the headlines of the papers are not too different from Europa's. Democracy, at least, has a home now in Berlin as well as in Hawaii. But in the U. S. A. it is the spirit behind all these things and institutions which impresses the guest. The wish to find friends, the way to "take it easy," the courage to stay for something. The activity, if any nation or individual needs help.

Now for all those who think they still have not a satisfying answer to their question, I also have a short formula: My greatest impression of the U. S. A. are you, the people.



JUERGEN DOBBERKE, a reporter for Der Tag, a Berlin Germany daily newspaper, hands Gazette Times linotype operator, Arthur Brownlow copy for one of his stories in this week's paper. His visit here is to acquaint him with the operation of an American weekly paper.



LOOKING ON while GT pressman Ray Smith explains the operation of an automatic job press in the Gazette Times shop. Commercial printing, which is a normal part of most weekly plants in this country, is new to him, as German daily papers do not have such a department.



TYPEWRITER is more to Dobberke's liking than some of the shop equipment in a small paper. Here he is writing one of the stories he prepared for this week's issue of the Gazette Times. The style of makeup of today's front page was designed by Dobberke as an example of how newspapers look in his country. Several more stories appear on page one here than would be in Berlin, but that is due in part to the fact that the page size of most German papers is considerably smaller, usually four or sometimes five columns. (GT Photos)

### Four Major Problems Face German People

Berlin Newspaperman Tells Chamber of Life in Berlin

"Berlin is like a head without a body," Juergen Dobberke, German newspaperman who is visiting and working this week in Heppner, told the chamber of commerce Monday noon in explaining some of the difficulties that his country must face.

In his reference to Germany's capital city, Dobberke explained that Berlin has always been the center of the nation, but now with the division of the country and the occupation it is cut off from the rest of its country. Berlin is, in effect, a separate state with no surrounding area of its own.

Because of the city's partitioning, the newspaperman said, Berlin is a mirror of the whole German nation and he pointed out the four big problems that face its people and its government. The problems are: a divided country, refugees, the housing problem and occupation costs.

Dobberke explained in detail many of the difficulties that his people, living in his home city, must face in living practically within the sight of the iron curtain and told of the problems of living and working under such conditions.

#### Outlook Dim

He said that before the recent Four-Power conference in Berlin there was hope among the people that some of the problems could be solved which keep the nation divided but now, he said, the people of Eastern Germany are not too hopeful for the future.

Dobberke also spoke Wednesday

afternoon to members of the Ione Topic club and Thursday noon to the Soroptomists telling them of his experiences both in Germany and also during his recent stay in America.

Dobberke is spending the week at the Gazette Times to get a better understanding of how the small American newspapers operate. He and four other German newspapermen are in this country under the exchange of persons program sponsored by the U. S. State department. He has spent much of the last six months at the University of Oregon where the Journalism school has been his host.

Dobberke will leave Heppner Friday morning for Eugene and will leave that city Saturday on the first leg of his trip home which will take him through California, the south, Washington D. C. and New York.

### Mrs. N. C. Anderson New Head of P-TA

New officers elected for the Heppner Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting held Wednesday night at the school were president, Mrs. N. C. Anderson, vice president, Mrs. W. E. Hughes; secretary, Mrs. Luola Bengtson; and treasurer, Mrs. James Sumner. Reverend Earl Soward is the outgoing president.

It was announced that officers of the Heppner association will be delegates to the state convention of the P. T. A. to be held at Salem April 21, 22 and 23.

Mrs. Velva Bechholdt's room was winner of the room contest.

A program on business procedure was presented by the FFA boys parliamentary team under the direction of James Allen. Participating were Ron Currin, president; Jack Monagle, vice president; John Brosnan, treasurer; Jim Wightman, secretary; Bob Stevens, reporter; and Eddie Brosnan, sentinel. Bob Stevens gave a talk on the dangers of farm life.

### Lexington Names First Fair Princess

The first princess for the 1954 Morrow county fair and rodeo was named Saturday by her sponsors, the Lexington Grange. She is Miss Beama Steagall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall of Lexington.

Miss Steagall has attended the Lexington school, but at the present time is going to school at St. Joseph's academy in Pendleton. The fair board recently extended invitations to all county granges and communities to select princesses for this year's fair and rodeo, and other sponsoring organizations are expected to announce their candidates in the near future.

Ione wins Second in Tourney—See Page 6.

### Lions Club to Get Charter Saturday

The newly organized Heppner Lions club will receive its charter Saturday night at a special charter night banquet to be held at the Legion hall, president Lowell Gribble announced this week.

The banquet program which is scheduled to start at 6 p. m. will be under the direction of the members of the Pendleton Lions club, who sponsored the organization of the local group. Robert Vogel, Pendleton will be toastmaster and the charter will be presented by Cy Perkins, Hood River, Lions district governor.

Many visiting Lions from clubs in Pendleton, Umatilla, La Grande and other communities are expected for the evening.

The new officers who will take over duties of the Heppner club are Lowell Gribble, president; Roscoe Kelley, first vice-president; La Verne Van Marter, Jr., second vice-president; Robert Penland, third vice-president; Loyd Parker, sec-treas.; Bill Farra, Lion Tamer; John Ernsdorff, Tail Twister. On the board of directors are Paul Jones, E. E. Gonty, Al Lamb and C. J. D. Bauman.

### Condon-Heppner Mail Service Put Back On Six-Day Basis

Heppner postmaster James Driscoll received notice this week that the postal department has revised its recent order which limited mail service between Heppner and Condon-Fossil to five days a week, and effective this weekend service will go back on a six-day basis.

The previous order, which Driscoll has been attempting to get changed, cut out service between the towns Saturdays and Sundays and the day before holidays. Mail will now be dispatched every day of the week except on Sunday, he announced.

There has been no change however, in the mail service to all other points, it will still remain on a six-day basis with no Sunday receipt or dispatch.



OSCAR PETERSON, Ione rancher who Friday announced that he is a candidate for county judge.

### Revised Hospital Plans Get Federal OK

County judge Garnet Barratt this week received word from the state board of health that the revised plans for the new wing for Heppner's Pioneer Memorial have been approved by the Public Health Service in San Francisco and that final plans and specifications can now be prepared for bids.

The approval means that federal Hill-Burton funds will be made available for the construction, which should start in the early summer, the county court said. The architects indicated that it would take about 30 days to get specifications ready and the court hopes to call for bids by May 1. One part of the plans still require approval, a plat of the surrounding grounds and area, but that is now being prepared and no difficulty is expected from this source.

In the neighborhood of \$45,000 will come from federal funds as

match money for the money raised this year from a special 5-mill tax levy voted by the people. When the wing is completed it will give 30 regular hospital beds on the main floor and 14 on the lower level for the nursing home. In addition there will be space for the health nurse's office and rooms on the lower level.

Local Entries Fail To Place in Elks Scholarship Contest

The two local winners of the Elks scholarship contest, Ronald Currin, Heppner and Beverly Lora, Lexington were taken to La Grande last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. James Vanover of Lexington, one of the local judges, to compete in the district contest in that city. Though they did not place among the winners there they will still receive an award put up by the local lodge.

Three Attending State FFA Convention

Three Heppner F. F. A. students Jack Monagle, Johnny Brosnan, and Roland Currin left the first of the week with their instructor, James Allen for Salem to attend the state Future Farmers of America convention.

Currin, who is among the top 10 students in the state in FFA work, is an applicant for the two percent of those enrolled in the course in the state can reward of State Farmer. Only receive the award.

Mallory avenue Christian church in Portland is expected to be on the team. Rev. Earl L. Soward, Heppner pastor said, Lantz has offered to help other Heppner ministers plan for a union vacation Bible school while he is here.

Mr. Lantz' closing message will be given at the union service at the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

Band To Give Concert

James Wilson, band instructor at the Heppner school, announces that there will be a public concert of the band and chorus at the gymnasium Thursday evening, March 25 at 8:00 p. m.

### Races Seen For Three County Offices

Oscar Peterson Files for County Judge

One more local race was assured in the May primary elections with the filing last Friday of Oscar Peterson for the office county judge. He will run against Garnet Barratt who is seeking reelection. Both are Republicans.

Peterson, a rancher in the Eight mile area, filed his petition just ahead of the deadline. He has lived in Morrow county all of his life and has been active in the state Grange, serving on the Grange agricultural committee for five years and as chairman for the past four. He attended Reed college. Barratt has served one term in office, and had previously served as county commissioner.

Others who have previously declared their intentions to seek local offices are: for county clerk, Bruce Lindsay, Democrat, and Harold Becket, Republican; assessor, Harry Dings, Kenneth Blake and Mrs. Joseph Hughes, present assessor. Ralph Thompson will be unopposed when he seeks the Republican nomination to succeed himself as county commissioner and no opposition appeared against Mrs. Lucy Rodgers who will run to succeed herself as treasurer.

Bradley D. Fancher, present district attorney has also filed for his office.

## New York Plus Heppner Makes USA

A German Newsman Looks at This Country

By Juergen Dobberke

Do you know Reppen? You probably know it as well as I know Heppner six months ago. In my German language Reppen and Heppner sounds very similar. And in fact, they are very similar. Reppen is the town where my family had a factory, a house and some acres of land. With a population of about 4000 people it was the market and shopping center of the rural area in this vicinity. It was a peaceful and sometimes a little bit sleepy spot and the bell of its stone-bull church had exactly the same sound like the bell in Heppner's church, I discovered. Overlooking the miles of yellow grain fields on the dry sandy soil, the landscape sometimes made you feeling sad. It was the East, Not of Oregon, but of Germany. There was no big attraction for visitors from abroad. But however, when the day came in 1945, when the Red Army over-rolled that part of Germany behind the rivers Oder and Neisse, and the Polish were expelling us together with 10 millions other Germans a suitcase in the hand, just because Poland lost a part of its

country to Russia—then I felt how I love it.

Why I am telling you that? I like to show you that the life on the other end of the world can be more similar to your life here than you may imagine. Beverly Hills, Miami or Brooklyn is a hundred times more a different world to Heppner than a small town like Reppen. It may be located in Germany, in France or in England. There are, of course some differences. In Europa, you will find less cars, clubs, and churches and on the other hand you will find more horses, taverns and bicycles. But is that so important? When I arrived in New York, everybody told me: "New York is not the U. S. A.!" Nobody, however, told me what the U. S. A. are, instead, I had to find out it by myself. Am I very wrong when I say now, "The U. S. A. are New York plus Heppner?" I guess that includes all the real important facts of the American way of life, doesn't it?

Another thing—I am very sorry, kids!—I have to tell you: Heppner is a not-yet-lost paradise, because it does not have any TV

set. You still have time available—you may use it or not—to read a book, to talk to friends or to listen to a good record.

You are what we call in Europa—inspired by Western movies—the "Wild West" of the U. S. A. However, I guess that between Seattle and San Francisco you get less people killed in a week than we get killed now by Communist bullets in the wild west of Europa. Though, before I go back again to Berlin next month, I wish Heppner that it never gets more radicalists than are needed to laugh about and that never the deadly breath of war may touch this valley.

Lumber Co., and rod and reel by North Fork Lumber Co., the prizes were purchased by the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers.

Members of the prize selection committee were Carl McDaniels, Irvin Anderson, Gar Swanson, Floyd Tollison, Len Gilliam and William Labhart.

During the business meeting a letter was read from the game commission by the secretary, Mrs. Paul Brown regarding tentative allocation of fish for Morrow county. Listed are 1953 plantings along with tentative planting for 1954: Butter Creek, South Fork, none last year, 1,500 this year; Rhea Creek, 800 last year, 2,000 this year; Rock Creek (Morrow and Gilliam), 3,999 last year, 5,000 this year; Willow Creek, 1,040 last year, 3,000 this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at the Morrow county court house at 8:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing new officers. Outgoing officers are: L. D. Tibbles, president; Carl McDaniels, vice president; and Mrs. Paul Brown, secretary-treasurer. "Behind the Trophy" a new game commission film is scheduled for this meeting.

Following the meeting Tuesday night refreshments were served to approximately 150 members, parents and children by Glen Ward, Shorty Hudson, and William Labhart.

### HUNTING CONTEST WINNERS NAMED; MORE FISH SCHEDULED FOR COUNTY

At the meeting of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club Tuesday evening at the American Legion hall, the prizes for the annual porcupine, raven, crow and magpie contest were awarded to thirty-three Morrow County youngsters.

First prize was won by Lane Smith who had a total of 4558 points and received a 22 rifle donated by the Heppner Lumber Company. Karen Christian received a dress and accessories as winner of second place with a total of 2600 points. Third prize winner was Frank Osmin with 2480 points and he received a glass fishing rod. John Piper won a spinning reel donated by the North Fork Lumber Co., and Mar-

sha Anne Sowell with 1600 points won archery equipment.

Other contestants winning various prizes were Dennis Campbell, Larry Tibbles, Carol Hynd, Tommy Howell, Roger Palmer, David Hanna, John Swanson, Jackie Hynd, Gale Cox, Alvin McCabe, Lennin Hanna, Gale Hager, David Alderman, Douglas Anderson, Albert Osmin, Frank Harshman, Sonny Anderson, Eugene Lesser, Bill Pruett, Kenneth Keeling Jr., Steve Klingler, Miles Lesser, David Anderson, Kih Anderson, Mark and Chris Brown, Don Keeling, Omar Huston, George Huston and Robert Klingler.

With the exception of the donation of \$25.00 by Hynd Brothers of Cecil, rifle by Heppner